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January 10, 2002

BIG B MINI MART
UST SITE ID #10589
1611 CANYON RD
ELLENSBURG WA 98926

Dear Underground Storage Tank Owner/Operator:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) Central Regional Office (CRO) is launching a pilot project in an effort to provide owners and operators of underground storage tanks (UST) assistance in complying with the federal UST regulations and the state UST regulations, Revised Code of Washington Chapter 90.76 and Chapter 173-360 Washington Administrative Code.

As you know, underground storage tank facilities throughout the United States were required to meet several upgrade requirements by December 22, 1998. Ninety-eight percent of regulated UST sites in Washington State have met those upgrade requirements. However, few facilities are maintaining their new equipment as required under Washington State regulations and manufacturer guidelines.

This project will focus on tightness testing and cathodic protection testing by sending reminder cards to owners and operators of regulated UST systems reminding the owner/operator when one of these test are due. *There may be other testing requirements for your UST system; however, Ecology will not be addressing those requirements for this pilot project.*

Ecology's CRO has developed a database to keep track of when tightness testing or cathodic protection testing is conducted at an UST site. Every time Ecology receives a testing checklist from a facility, Ecology will update the database to show that the facility has met the testing requirements for that test for that particular year. The database will keep track of when facilities are due for testing so Ecology can send reminder cards to those sites. This will help you to ensure that your USTs are meeting the tightness testing and cathodic protection testing requirements.

It is important to remember that the owner/operator is responsible for ensuring that the work is performed by certified, licensed contractors and that the appropriate checklist(s) are submitted to Ecology. The checklists are often submitted by the contractor as part of their service. It is, however, the owner/operator's responsibility to make sure the checklists are submitted. I have enclosed a copy of the checklists for your convenience.

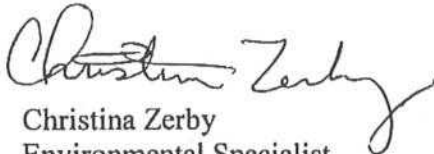


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The project will be conducted in seven counties: Benton, Chelan, Douglas, Kittitas, Klickitat, Okanogan, and Yakima. If the project is successful, Ecology may implement sending the "Reminder Cards" throughout Washington State.

Attached is a summary sheet of the UST requirements for your information. If you have any questions concerning this pilot project, please call me at (509) 454-7833.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christina Zerby". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Christina" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Zerby".

Christina Zerby
Environmental Specialist
Underground Storage Tank Unit
Toxics Cleanup Program

Enclosures



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August 08, 1998

BIG B MINI MART
1611 CANYON RD
ELLENSBURG, WA 98926

Re: UST Site Number 10589

Dear Tank Owner/Operator:

Washington State has passed a new law that affects owners and operators of regulated underground storage tanks (USTs).

The Department of Ecology is implementing a Facility Compliance Tagging program. All owners and/or operators of regulated USTs must have a facility compliance tag properly displayed where fuel distributors can see it at properties with USTs to legally receive delivery of petroleum after December 22, 1998. Ecology is planning to issue compliance tags to all facilities with upgraded underground storage tanks on or before the December 22, 1998, deadline for upgrading. In order to receive a facility compliance tag, all of the regulated USTs at your facility will need to meet the following requirements:

- ◆ All regulated USTs on a facility must be upgraded with spill, overfill, and corrosion protection (tanks and piping), have valid pollution liability insurance, and master business license UST endorsement, or
- ◆ USTs must be temporarily or permanently closed.

Persons delivering petroleum after December 22, 1998, will not legally be permitted to deliver to USTs at facilities that do not have a facility compliance tag properly displayed. The tag must be displayed at the emergency shutoff device or other location visible to the fuel delivery person.

The enclosed report shows the information that Ecology currently has in the UST database for the UST systems at this facility in Washington State. The report also shows whether this facility is eligible to receive a compliance tag or gives reasons why it is ineligible.

In an effort to upgrade our files and give tank owners credit for upgrades that have been performed, please provide the following applicable information. If any of the tanks have been replaced, please provide closure information (enclosures #2 and 3) for the old tanks and register the new tanks with the Department of Licensing (enclosures #4 and 5). If any tanks have been



upgraded, please provide information on the enclosed retrofit or cathodic protection checklist (enclosure #6), whichever form is applicable. The Department understands that your UST's may be in compliance. We are currently in the process of updating our records so that a compliance tag can be issued as soon as possible.

The Department of Ecology will only accept signed forms from International Fire Code Institute certified contractors as proof that a tank and piping system has been upgraded with spill, overfill, and corrosion protection. Enclosed is a list of the current information that Ecology has for USTs at the BIG B MINI MART site(s).

Your Ecology contact person is John Wietfeld of our Central Regional Office. Mr. Wietfeld can be reached at (509) 454-7836.

Please provide the required information within 30 days of receiving this notification so that we can update our database and provide your facility with compliance tags as soon as possible. This should be mailed to:

Washington State Department of Ecology
Attn: Underground Storage Tank Section
PO Box 47655
Olympia, WA 98504-7600

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,



Barry Rogowski
UST Coordinator